

**INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM**

Western Montana Northern
Rockies Incident Commander
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Rombo Mountain Fire

Update 9 / 3 / 2007

Monday, September 3, 2007
8:00 a.m.

Fire Information Center
(406) 821-1085
HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 10:00 PM
<http://www.inclweb.org/>

FIRE STATUS:

On Sunday, the fire was very active. Winds from the southwest along with low relative humidity and smoke hampered air operations and ground suppression; crews disengaged, but were able to resume work after a short time.

In the Capri Lake area, fire activity increased, burning actively toward the south, but was pushed back by winds.

On the north side of Rombo, the fire made a run up Shook Mountain. Crews will patrol today to control any slop-over across existing fire lines. Crews worked on the burnout area around Shook Mountain to deepen the fire line. They expect to continue the burnout today as weather allows.

On the west side of the fire, the line held and crews conducted mop-up as needed. Today, crews will patrol the area, staying alert to changing weather conditions.

Critical fire weather conditions will continue today with low relative humidity, high temperatures, and persistent winds. Expect to see smoky conditions throughout the day from Rombo and regional fires.

Steep terrain and poor footing complicates fire suppression on the Rombo. Two firefighter injuries occurred over the weekend, but neither required hospitalization.

EVACUATIONS

The following Stage 1 Pre-evacuations remain in effect:

- West Fork Road from Nez Perce Fork to Painted Rocks Reservoir.
- West Fork Road from Lavene Creek to Trapper Creek Job Corps Center.
- West of Highway 93 from the Conner Cutoff to the Sula Store.
- South of the Conner Cutoff to the West Fork Road and south of the West Fork Road to Trapper Creek Job Corps Center.

We ask for the public's cooperation in slowing down along Highway 93 in the Sula area to reduce the potential for vehicle accidents.

COOPERATING AGENCIES:

West Fork and Painted Rocks Rural Fire Departments, Ravalli County Department of Emergency Services, Ravalli County Sheriff's Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources, Sula Volunteer Fire Department, Darby Volunteer Fire Department and Corvallis Volunteer Fire Department.

Additional Sources of
Wildland Fire Information

National
Situation Report
www.nifc.gov/news/sitreprt.pdf

National Interagency
Fire Center
www.nifc.gov

National
Fire News
www.nifc.gov/fireinfo/nfn.html

Quick Facts

Location:	5 miles south of Conner, 2 miles east of Painted Rocks Lake
Start Date:	July 31, 2007
Cause:	Lightning
Containment:	15%
Estimated Containment	
Approx. Size:	25,000 acres total
Total	
Personnel:	269
Crews:	4
Dozers:	3
Engines:	21
Helicopters:	8
Water	6
Tenders:	
PUBLIC MEETINGS:	None scheduled at this time

Darby Volunteer Fire Department and Corvallis Volunteer Fire Department.

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